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MEMORANDUM

August 8, 1963

To : Boston Redevelopment Authority

From : Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator

Subject: PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION STAGING PLAN FOR THE
WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA

At its meeting on July 10, the Authority adopted, in principle, a policy for the further acquisition of land required to carry out the approved urban renewal plan for the Washington Park Area. The policy, as approved, provides for land takings to be staged in six-month intervals over the next several years with completion scheduled by June 1966. A copy of that policy is attached herewith.

The policy adopted by the Authority, however, stipulates that "...no acquisition shall be made until the Authority has visited the area and voted the acquisition of properties..." involved.

Each member of the Authority has been provided with a list of street addresses of properties whose further acquisition is needed to carry out the approved plan. A copy of that list is also attached herewith. The list indicates (1) the particular six-month period in which the property at each street address is to be acquired, or (2) the period as "indeterminate" where the actual time of acquisition cannot be precisely determined now.

I recommend, therefore, that the Authority approve (1) the acquisition of all of the properties shown in the list as required to carry out the approved urban renewal plan where the date of the proposed taking is specified, excluding those properties designated as "indeterminate", and (2) the specific date or period during which the taking of each of the properties is proposed to be made.

I further recommend, in accordance with the policy adopted on July 10, (1) that the Secretary of the Authority be authorized and directed to send immediately letters to each owner of property to be acquired indicating the approximate date when it will be acquired and advising that the Authority will purchase the property at an earlier date if the owner so desires and notifies the Authority in writing to that effect, and (2) that the Real Estate Officer of the

Authority, or those designated by him, be authorized and directed to negotiate with, settle, and purchase such properties, provided that the settlement price approved by URA for such property is not exceeded.